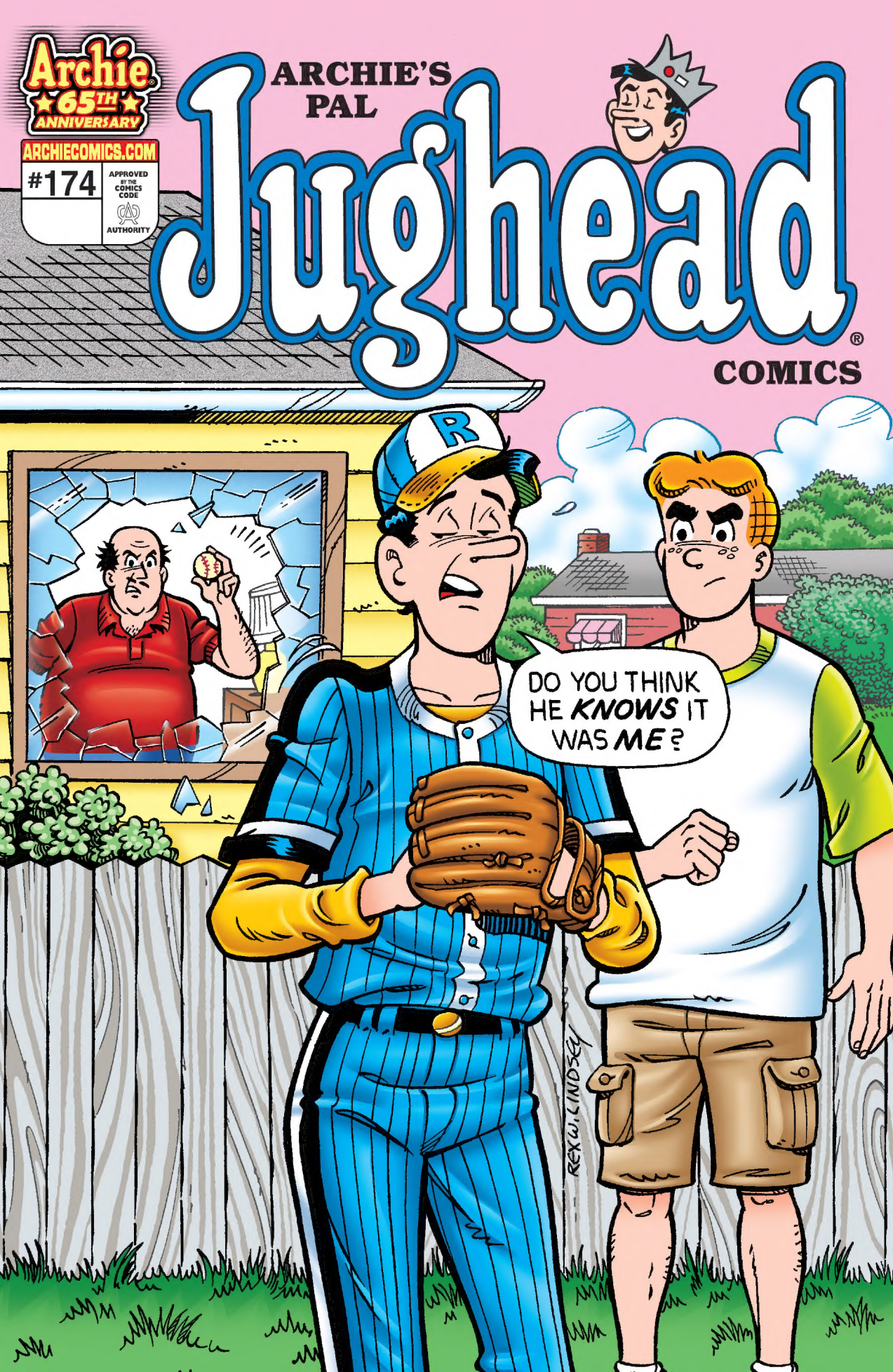
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DO YOU THINK HE KNOWS IT WAS ME?
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Jughead in TABLE FABLE

SO, WHAT DID CHUCK DO TO DESERVE THIS ROYAL TREATMENT FROM YOU GUYS?
IT'S WHAT HE'S GOING TO DO!
--UPHOLD RIVERDALE'S HONOR IN THE BIG BILLIARDS TOURNAMENT!
THOSE WEST SIDE JOKERS DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE IN FOR!
WHEN CHUCK'S CHARGED UP, HE CAN CLEAR A TABLE LIKE JUGHEAD AT SUNDAY DINNER!
IS THAT SO?!
WELL, WELL! FLEAGLE THE BEAGLE!

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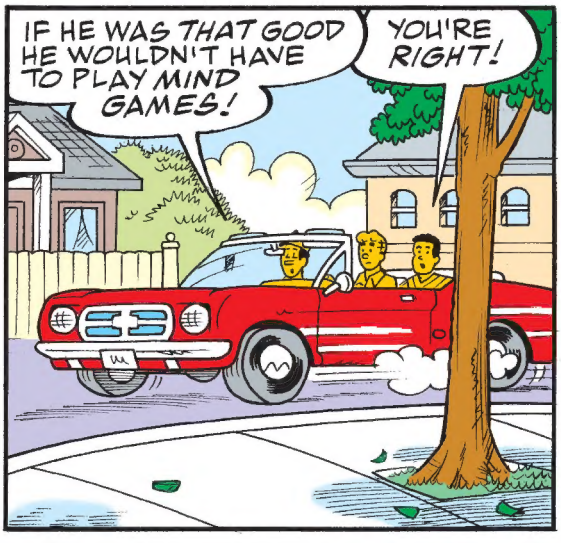
SLITHER ON YOUR BELLY ALL THE WAY FROM THE WEST SIDE, DID YOU?
HAW! HAW!
hee! hee!
THAT'S WHY I LIKE YOU RIVERDALE GUYS! YOU GOT A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR!
GLUB!
SLAP
SO I TAKE IT YOU'RE THE CHALLENGER AT TONIGHT'S TOURNEY?
RIGHT! AND I JUST WANTED TO DROP IN AND MEET MY MOST WORTHY OPPONENT!
I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU, CLAYTON! YOU'RE GOOD! TALENTED! BUT DON'T GET COCKY!
TALENT'S A REAL DELICATE THING! SOMETIMES YOU'VE GOT IT-- SOMETIMES YOU LOSE IT!
I'VE SEEN BETTER PLAYERS THAN YOU LOSE THEIR KNACK! JUST LIKE THAT!
snap

THANKS FOR YOUR CONCERN! WE'LL SEE YOU LATER AND OUR PAL WILL WIPE THE FLOOR WITH YOU!
HAW!
hee!

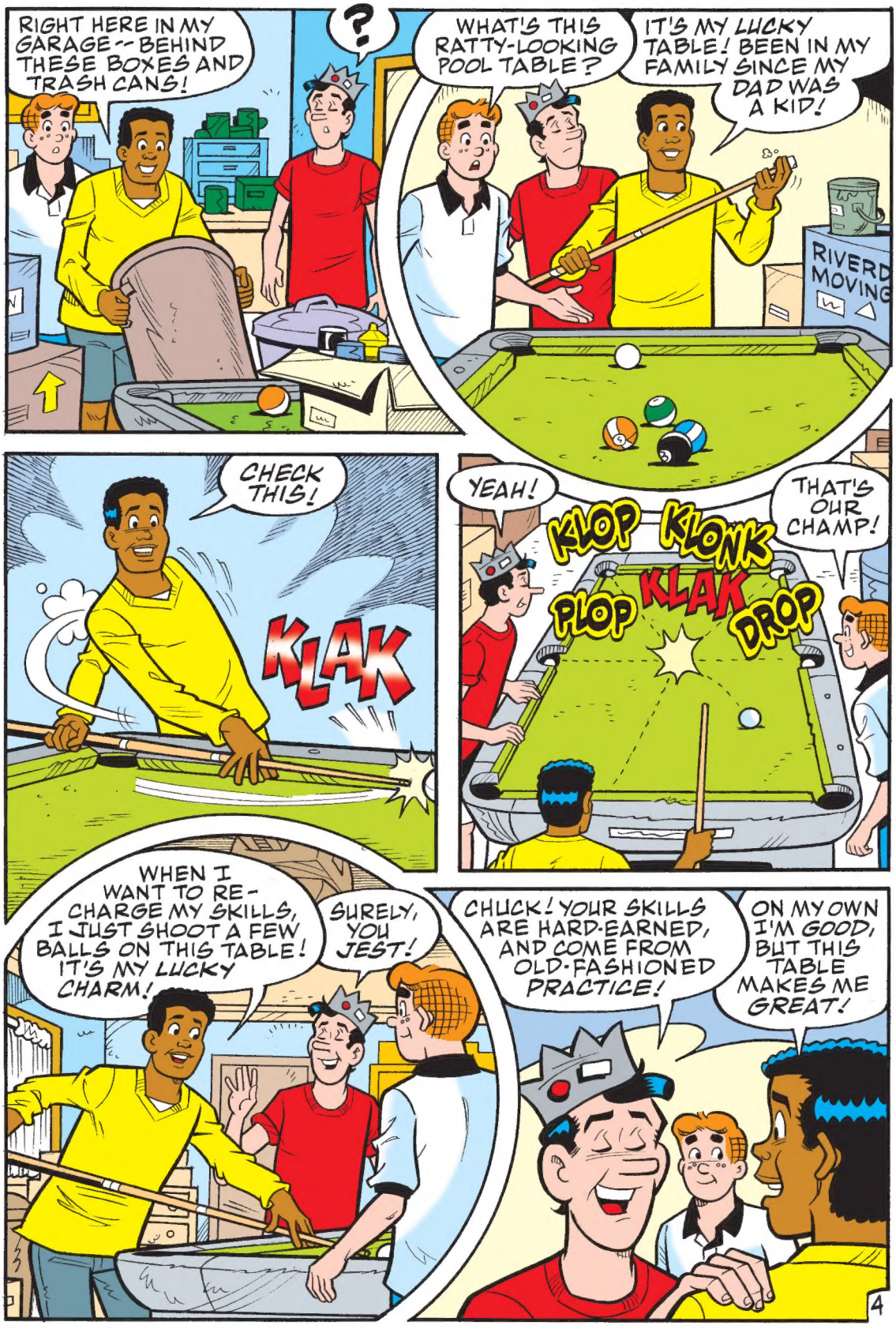
DO YOU THINK A GUY'S SKILL REALLY COULD JUST DISAPPEAR LIKE THAT?
CHUCK!

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, CHUCK! HE'S TRYING TO PSYCHE YOU OUT!
FLEAGLE'S PRETTY GOOD!


IF HE WAS THAT GOOD HE WOULDN'T HAVE TO PLAY MIND GAMES!
YOU'RE RIGHT!

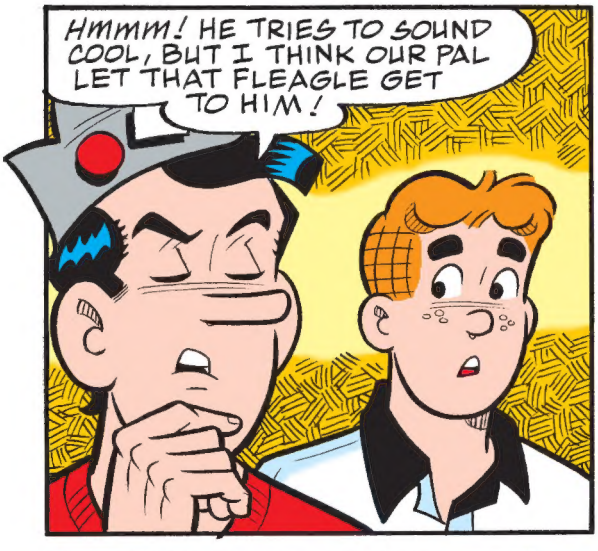
YOU'VE GOT REAL SKILL, AND THAT DOESN'T JUST VANISH!!
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT!!

I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS!
YEAH? GOSH!

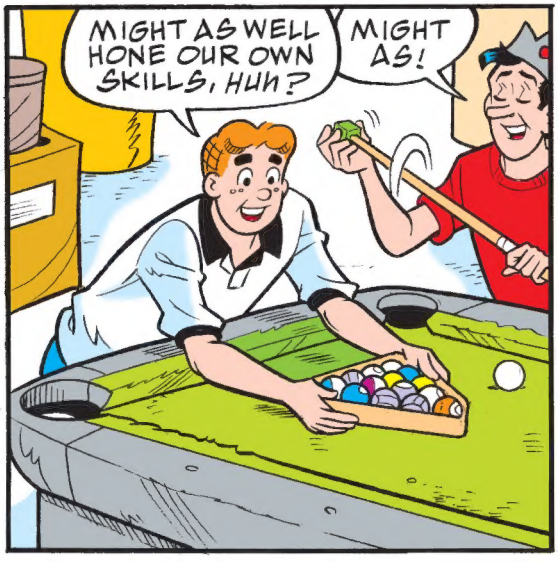

RIGHT HERE IN MY GARAGE -- BEHIND THESE BOXES AND TRASH CANS!
?
WHAT'S THIS RATTY-LOOKING POOL TABLE?
IT'S MY LUCKY TABLE! BEEN IN MY FAMILY SINCE MY DAD WAS A KID!
RIVERD MOVING
CHECK THIS!
KLAK
YEAH!
KLOP KLONK
PLOP KLAK DROP
THAT'S OUR CHAMP!
WHEN I WANT TO RE-CHARGE MY SKILLS, I JUST SHOOT A FEW BALLS ON THIS TABLE! IT'S MY LUCKY CHARM!
SURELY, YOU JEST!
CHUCK! YOUR SKILLS ARE HARD-EARNED, AND COME FROM OLD-FASHIONED PRACTICE!
ON MY OWN I'M GOOD, BUT THIS TABLE MAKES ME GREAT!

THAT'S WHY I KNOW MY TALENT WON'T DISAPPEAR!
PAT
PAT

YOU GUYS ARE WELCOME TO HANG OUT, BUT I'M GONNA CATCH A QUICK NAP BEFORE THE TOURNAMENT!

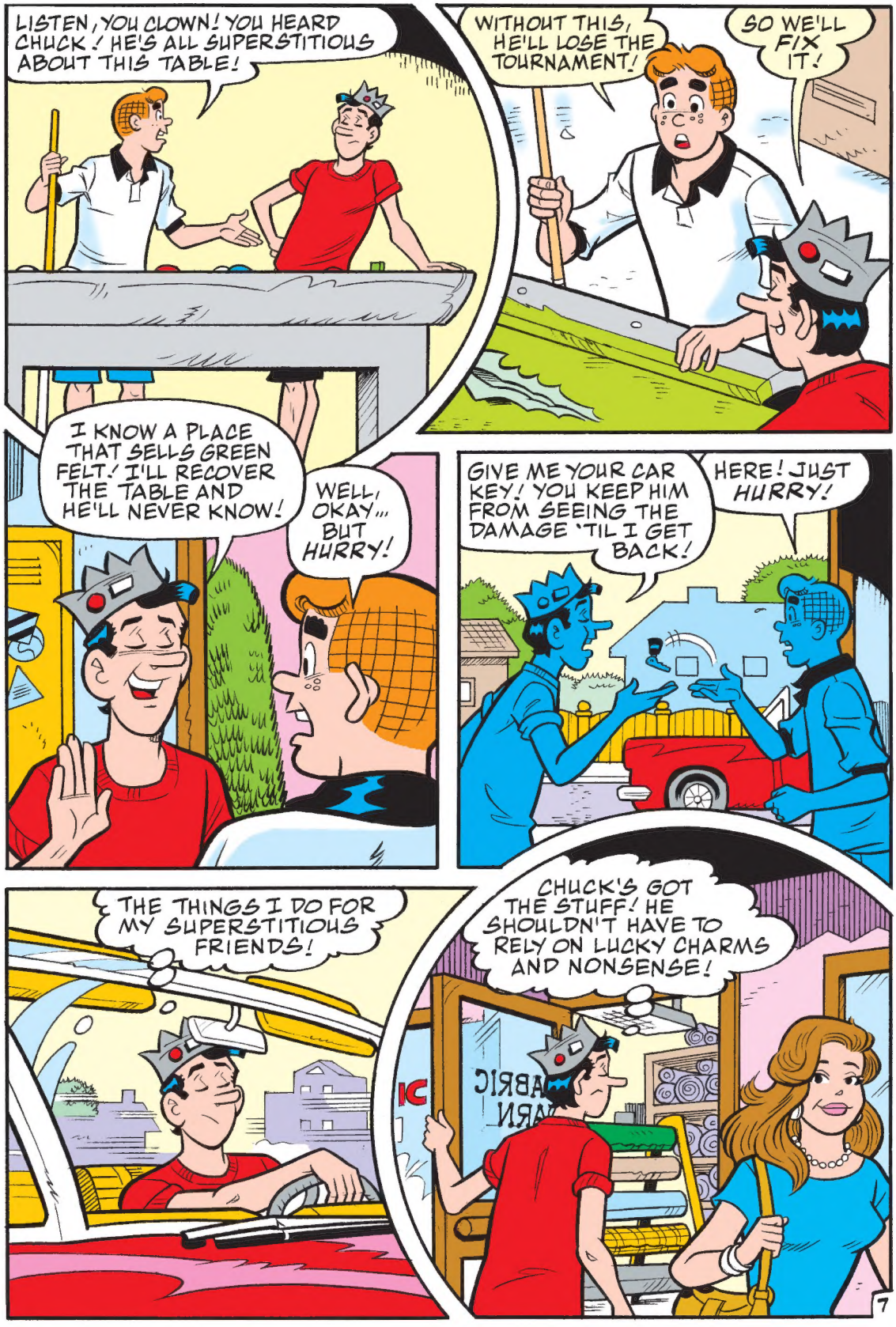

HMMM! HE TRIES TO SOUND COOL, BUT I THINK OUR PAL LET THAT FLEAGLE GET TO HIM!

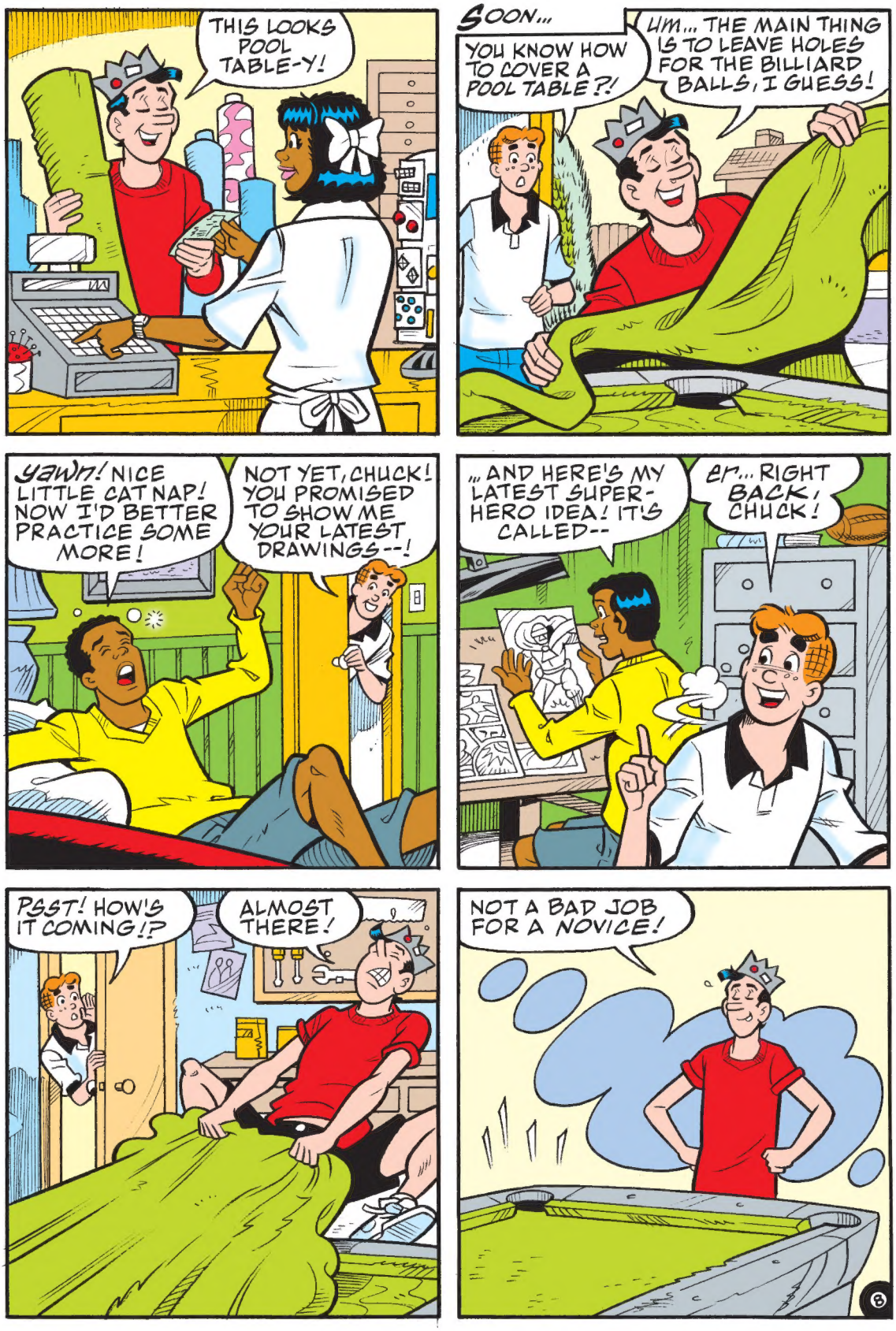
AWW, YOU HEARD CHUCK! AS LONG AS HE CAN WARM UP ON HIS LUCKY TABLE, HE'LL HAVE ALL THE CONFIDENCE HE NEEDS!


MIGHT AS WELL HONE OUR OWN SKILLS, HUH?
MIGHT AS!

WATCH THIS! SIX IN THE CORNER POCKET!
?

EASY... EASY...
ARCH!
ZOOM
SH-R!PP
WHAT IS IT?! WHAT'S THE BIG EMERGENCY?!
AWW... FALSE ALARM! I THOUGHT I HEARD THE ICE CREAM TRUCK, BUT IT'S JUST A KID'S CELL PHONE!
NOW LOOK WHAT YOU MADE ME DO! I RIPPED IT!!
THERE'S ONE GOOD SIDE!
WHAT?!
YOU GOT THE SIX IN THE CORNER POCKET!


LISTEN, YOU CLOWN! YOU HEARD CHUCK! HE'S ALL SUPERSTITIOUS ABOUT THIS TABLE!
WITHOUT THIS, HE'LL LOSE THE TOURNAMENT!
SO WE'LL FIX IT!
I KNOW A PLACE THAT SELLS GREEN FELT! I'LL RECOVER THE TABLE AND HE'LL NEVER KNOW!
WELL, OKAY... BUT HURRY!
GIVE ME YOUR CAR KEY! YOU KEEP HIM FROM SEEING THE DAMAGE 'TIL I GET BACK!
HERE! JUST HURRY!
THE THINGS I DO FOR MY SUPERSTITIOUS FRIENDS!
CHUCK'S GOT THE STUFF! HE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO RELY ON LUCKY CHARMS AND NONSENSE!


THIS LOOKS POOL TABLE-Y!
SOON...
YOU KNOW HOW TO COVER A POOL TABLE?!
UM... THE MAIN THING IS TO LEAVE HOLES FOR THE BILLIARD BALLS, I GUESS!
YAWN! NICE LITTLE CAT NAP! NOW I'D BETTER PRACTICE SOME MORE!
NOT YET, CHUCK! YOU PROMISED TO SHOW ME YOUR LATEST DRAWINGS--!
"...AND HERE'S MY LATEST SUPER-HERO IDEA! IT'S CALLED--
ER... RIGHT BACK, CHUCK!
PSST! HOW'S IT COMING!?
ALMOST THERE!
NOT A BAD JOB FOR A NOVICE!

OKAY, ENOUGH OF THIS! I'VE GOT TO CHARGE UP FOR THE TOURNAMENT!
WOW! MY GAME IS OFF!
SOAP
KLAK
WHAT'S GOING ON?! ALL MY SHOTS ARE OFF!
BOP
I CAN'T MANAGE TO SINK A SINGLE SHOT! I'VE TURNED INTO A RANK AMATEUR!
BLOP
OH, NO! IT'S HAPPENED! MY SKILL HAS VANISHED! JUST LIKE FLEAGLE SAID!!
I CAN'T FACE FLEAGLE! TAKE ME TO THE POOL HALL, ARCH! I'LL CONCEDE DEFEAT!
GULP! IF YOU SAY SO, CHUCK!

WAIT A MINUTE! WHERE'S MY KEY, JUG?!
OH, IT'S UM... GEE!
HEY, WAIT!
THERE'S THE KEY-- UNDER THE FELT! I MUST HAVE DROPPED IT THERE!
NO WONDER YOUR SHOTS WERE OFF! THAT KEY MADE THE SURFACE OF THE TABLE UNEVEN!
THAT EXPLAINS IT!!
BUT IT DOESN'T EXPLAIN HOW YOU DROPPED A KEY UNDER THE FELT ON MY POOL TABLE!!
WELL... er...
ONE EXPLANATION LATER...
WHAT?!
YOUR CRAZY SHENANIGANS HAD ME THINKING I'D LOST MY SKILL!!
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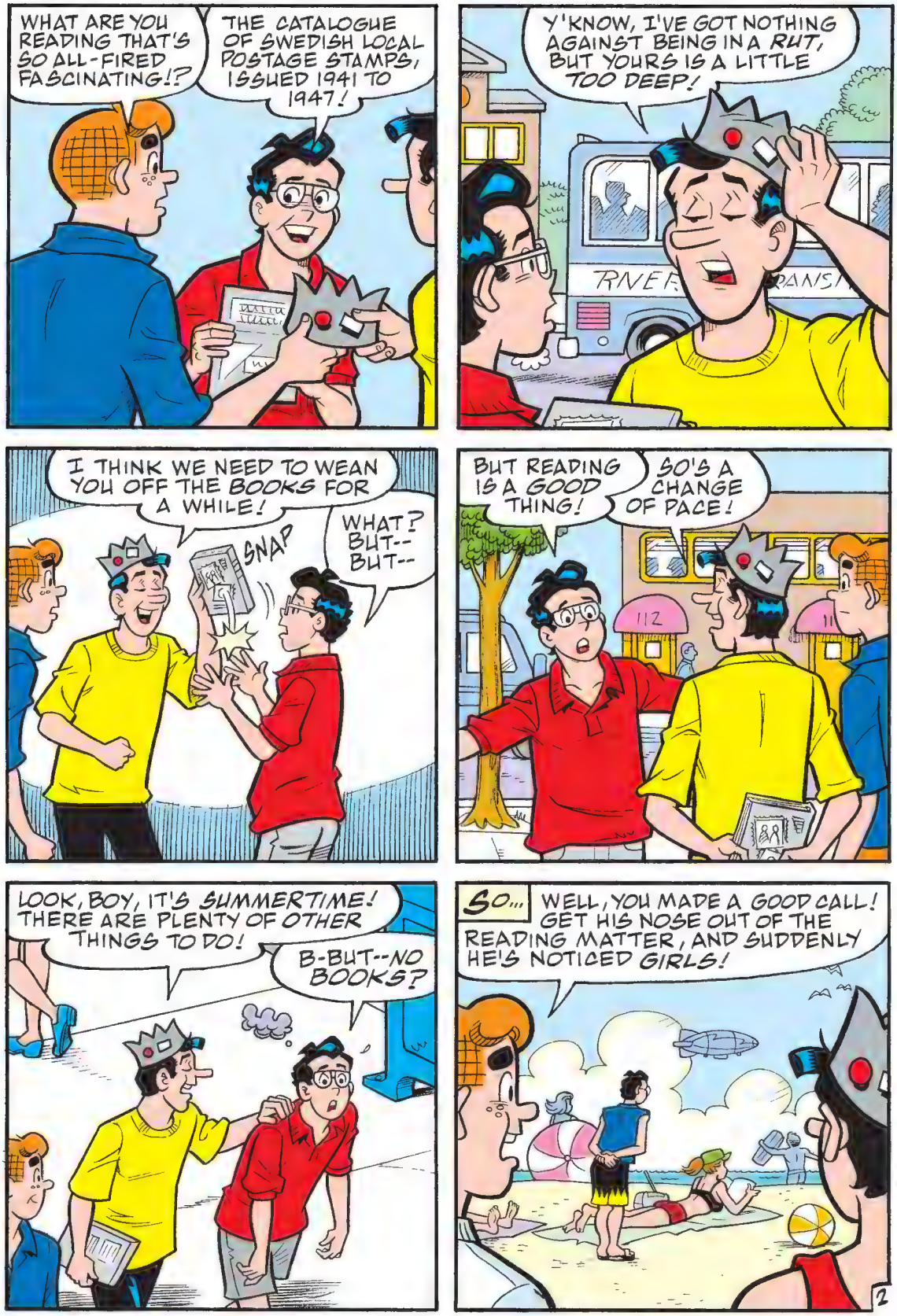
NOW I'M MAD! YOU ALMOST CONVINCED ME FLEAGLE KNEW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT!
GREAT! WE CAN USE THAT ANGER! LET'S GET IT OVER TO THE POOL HALL!
YOU BET! I'M IN THE MOOD TO WIN SOME POOL!!
ONE CRUSHING DEFEAT LATER...
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYBODY PLAY LIKE THAT! I'M GIVING UP THE GAME!
RIVERDALE COMMUNITY CENTER
WHAT HAVE YOU GOT? SOME SORT OF LUCKY CHARM?!
BETTER!
A COUPLE OF BUNGLING, BONEHEADED FRIENDS!
THE END

Jughead in READER'S CHOICE!
DILTON!
YANK
YOU CRAZY LOON! PAY ATTENTION!
WHAT DID I MISS?
A CAR! BY ABOUT SIX INCHES!
SORRY, JUG! I WAS ENGROSSED IN MY BOOK!
ZOOM


WHAT ARE YOU READING THAT'S SO ALL-FIRED FASCINATING!?
THE CATALOGUE OF SWEDISH LOCAL POSTAGE STAMPS, ISSUED 1941 TO 1947!
Y'KNOW, I'VE GOT NOTHING AGAINST BEING IN A RUT, BUT YOURS IS A LITTLE TOO DEEP!
I THINK WE NEED TO WEAN YOU OFF THE BOOKS FOR A WHILE!
SNAP
WHAT? BUT-- BUT--
BUT READING IS A GOOD THING!
SO'S A CHANGE OF PACE!
LOOK, BOY, IT'S SUMMERTIME! THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHER THINGS TO DO!
B-BUT--NO BOOKS?
SO...
WELL, YOU MADE A GOOD CALL! GET HIS NOSE OUT OF THE READING MATTER, AND SUDDENLY HE'S NOTICED GIRLS!

I'VE NOTICED YOU HANGING AROUND! IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO SAY?
YES!
E=MC2
TORRID TRASH
COULD YOU HURRY AND TURN THE PAGE? I FINISHED TWO MINUTES AGO!
WHAT?!
BAD DILTON! NO CHEATING!
TWERP!
JUST ENJOY THE FRESH AIR AND SUNSHINE, WHY DON'T YOU?
FRESH AIR AND... eh?
GEE... THERE'S A BANNER ON THAT AIRPLANE! I CAN'T QUITE MAKE OUT THE WORDS! WAIT...
READ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
"READ SONIC THE HEDGEH--
Wah!!
FWUMP
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THAT BIG BULLY WITH THE GLASSES WRECKED MY CASTLE!
HE DID, eh?
Wah!
E=MC2
DON'T MIND MY DUMB GENIUS FRIEND! HE'S A HABITUAL READER!
SORRY, JUG! WHEN I SEE WORDS, MY EYES ARE DRAWN TO THEM!
JUST STAND THERE AND DO NOTHING WHILE I GET MY SHOES! CAN YOU HANDLE THAT?
E=MC2
Hmmm...
E=MC2
100% NYLON... MACHINE WASH COLD... DO NOT DRY CLEAN...
BOOT
OH, DILLY!
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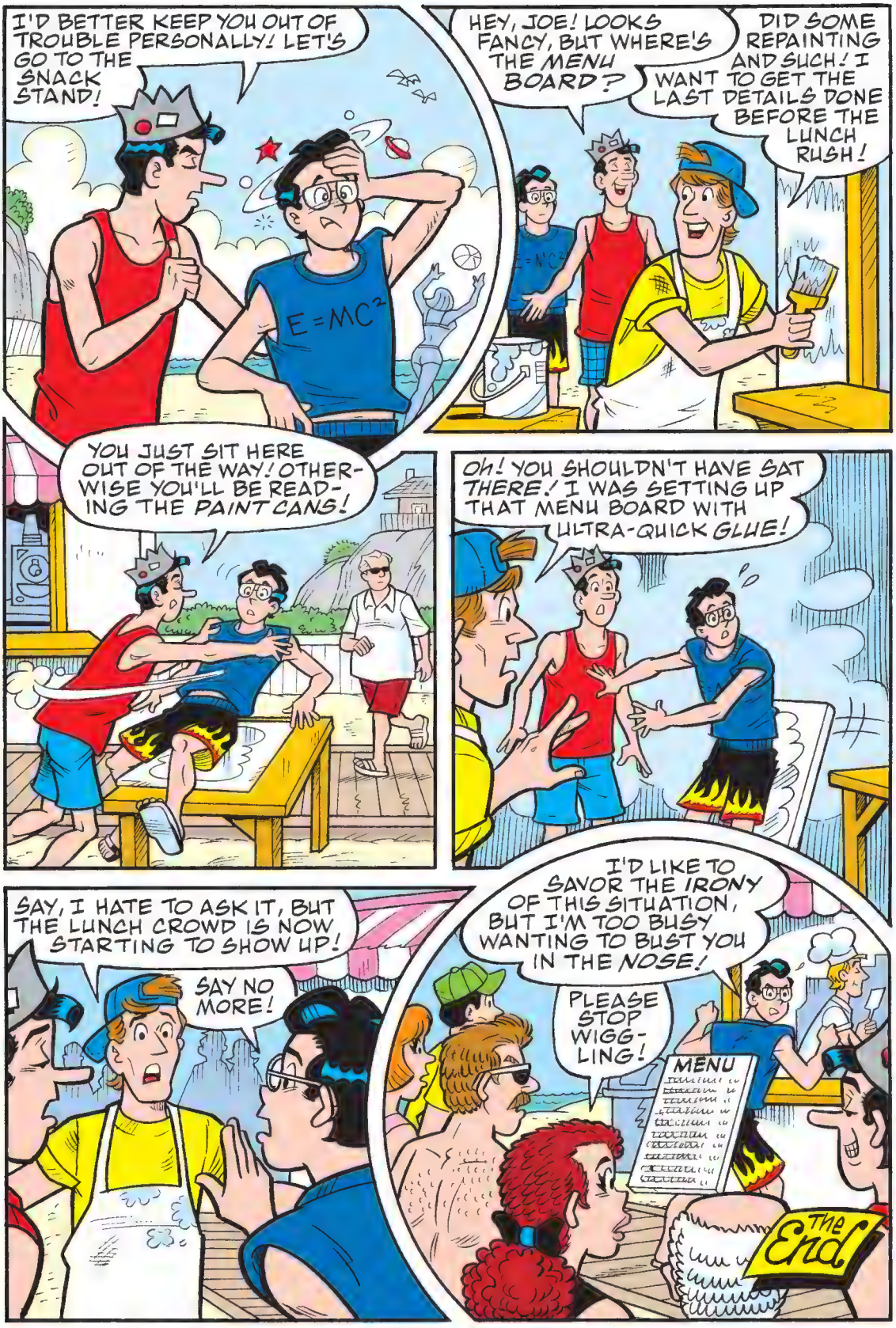
I'D BETTER KEEP YOU OUT OF TROUBLE PERSONALLY! LET'S GO TO THE SNACK STAND!
E=MC²
HEY, JOE! LOOKS FANCY, BUT WHERE'S THE MENU BOARD?
DID SOME REPAINTING AND SUCH! I WANT TO GET THE LAST DETAILS DONE BEFORE THE LUNCH RUSH!
YOU JUST SIT HERE OUT OF THE WAY! OTHERWISE YOU'LL BE READING THE PAINT CANS!
Oh! YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SAT THERE! I WAS SETTING UP THAT MENU BOARD WITH ULTRA-QUICK GLUE!
SAY, I HATE TO ASK IT, BUT THE LUNCH CROWD IS NOW STARTING TO SHOW UP!
SAY NO MORE!
I'D LIKE TO SAVOR THE IRONY OF THIS SITUATION, BUT I'M TOO BUSY WANTING TO BUST YOU IN THE NOSE!
PLEASE STOP WIGGLING!
MENU
The End

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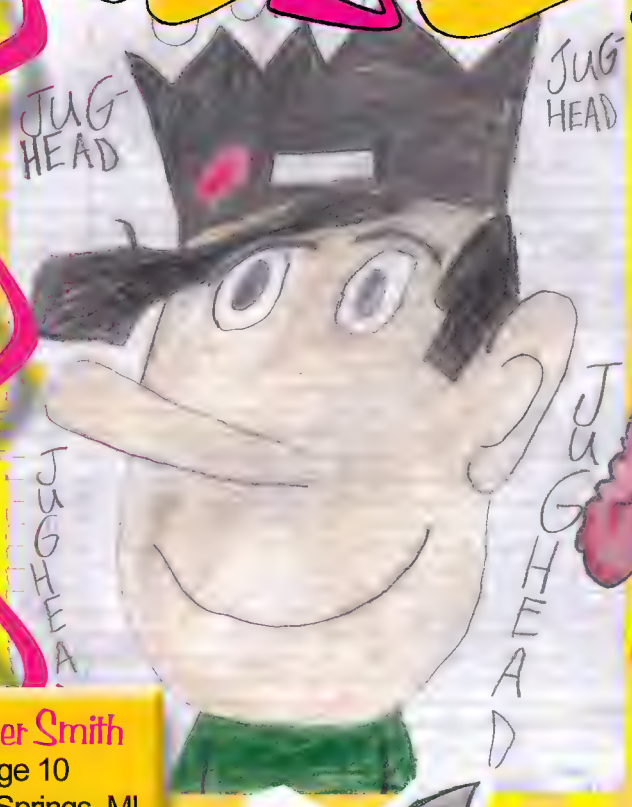

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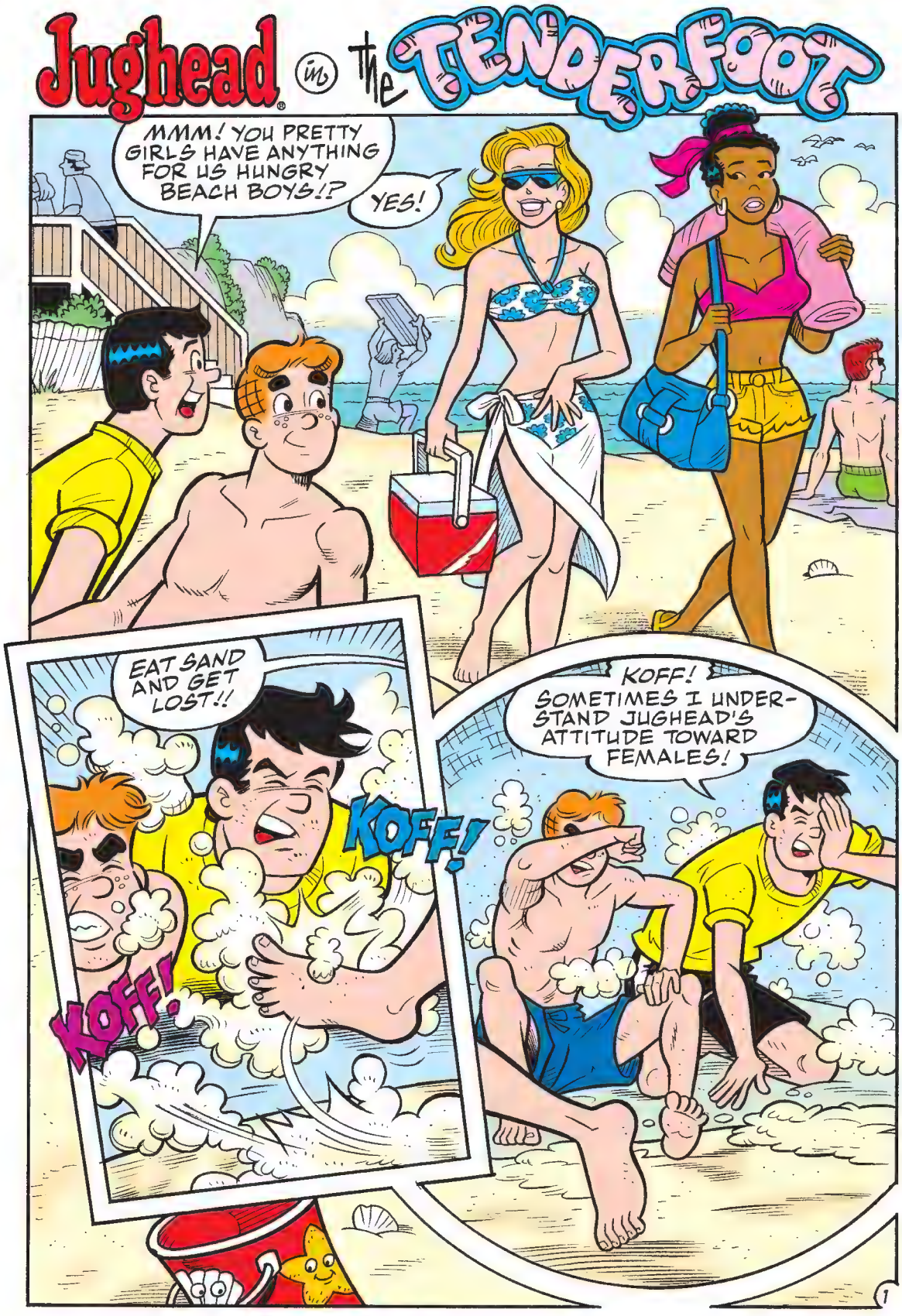
Jughead in The TENDERFOOT
MMM! YOU PRETTY GIRLS HAVE ANYTHING FOR US HUNGRY BEACH BOYS!?
YES!
EAT SAND AND GET LOST!!
KOFF!
KOFF!
KOFF! SOMETIMES I UNDERSTAND JUGHEAD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD FEMALES!
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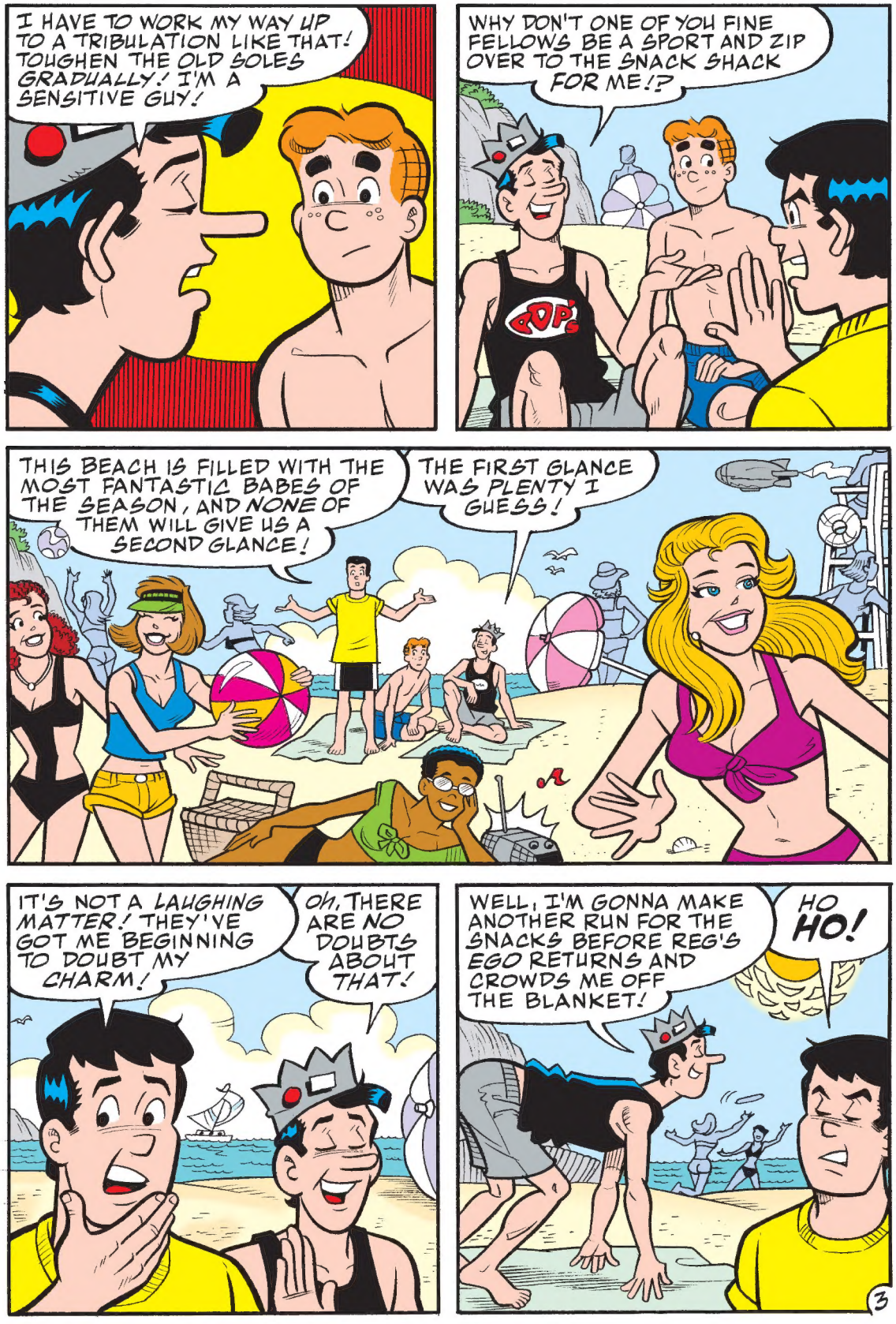
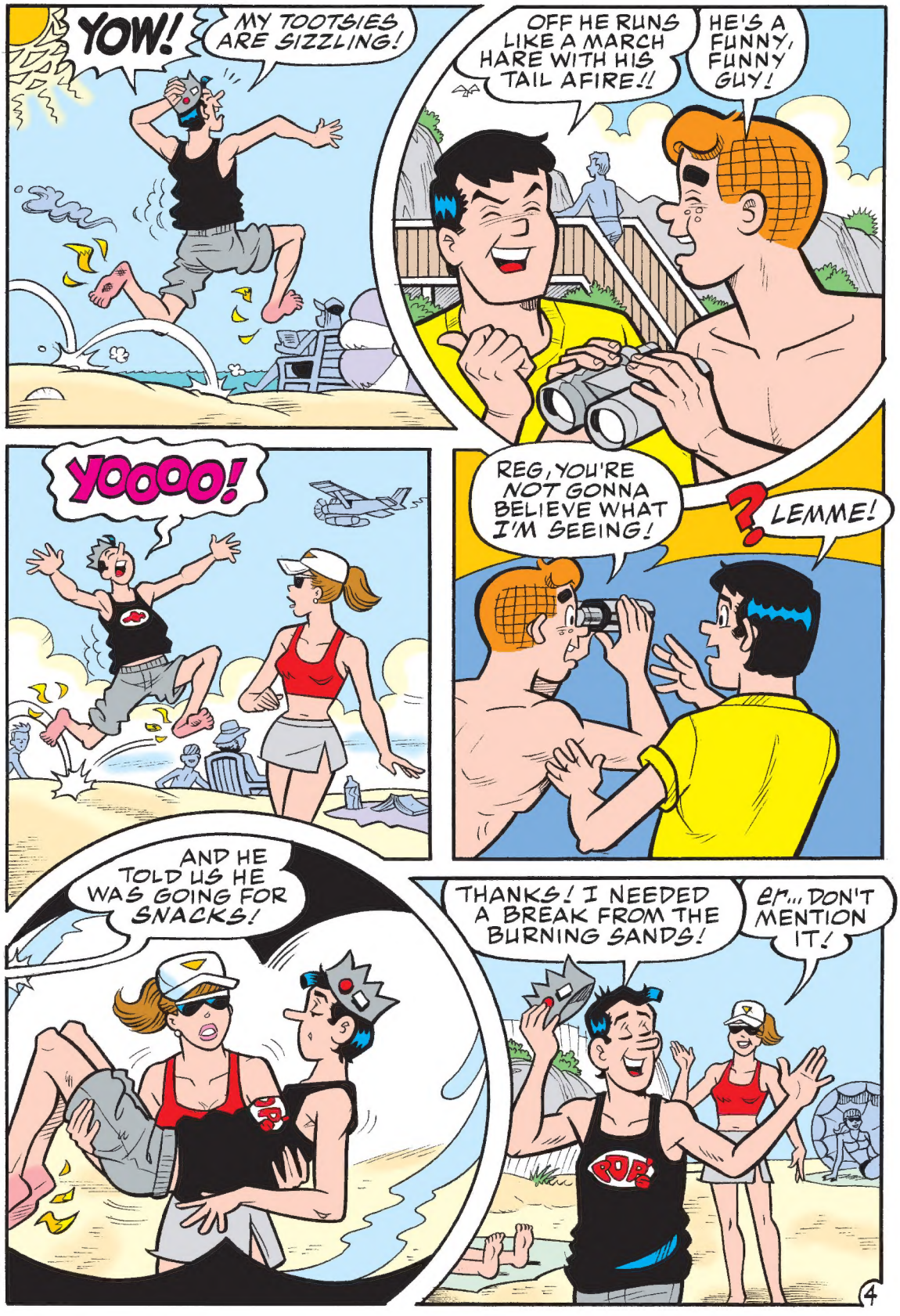
SPEAKING OF-- THE LAZY GOON'S BEEN SNOOZING SINCE SUN UP!
LOOK, THE BEAST STIRS!
SO MUCH FOR SLEEPING! NOW FOR EATING!
SEE YOU AFTER A TRIP TO THE SNACK STAND, GENTS!
POP!
AAYYEEEE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THE SAND GOT HOT!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM? YOU'VE WALKED ON HOT SAND BEFORE!
I HAVEN'T CONDITIONED MY FEET THIS SUMMER!
WHUMP!


I HAVE TO WORK MY WAY UP TO A TRIBULATION LIKE THAT! TOUGHEN THE OLD SOLES GRADUALLY! I'M A SENSITIVE GUY!
WHY DON'T ONE OF YOU FINE FELLOWS BE A SPORT AND ZIP OVER TO THE SNACK SHACK FOR ME!?
THIS BEACH IS FILLED WITH THE MOST FANTASTIC BABES OF THE SEASON, AND NONE OF THEM WILL GIVE US A SECOND GLANCE!
THE FIRST GLANCE WAS PLENTY I GUESS!
IT'S NOT A LAUGHING MATTER! THEY'VE GOT ME BEGINNING TO DOUBT MY CHARM!
OH, THERE ARE NO DOUBTS ABOUT THAT!
WELL, I'M GONNA MAKE ANOTHER RUN FOR THE SNACKS BEFORE REG'S EGO RETURNS AND CROWDS ME OFF THE BLANKET!
HO HO!


YOW!
MY TOOTSIES ARE SIZZLING!
OFF HE RUNS LIKE A MARCH HARE WITH HIS TAIL AFIRE!!
HE'S A FUNNY, FUNNY GUY!
YOOOO!
REG, YOU'RE NOT GONNA BELIEVE WHAT I'M SEEING!
?
LEMME!
AND HE TOLD US HE WAS GOING FOR SNACKS!
THANKS! I NEEDED A BREAK FROM THE BURNING SANDS!
er... DON'T MENTION IT!
POP
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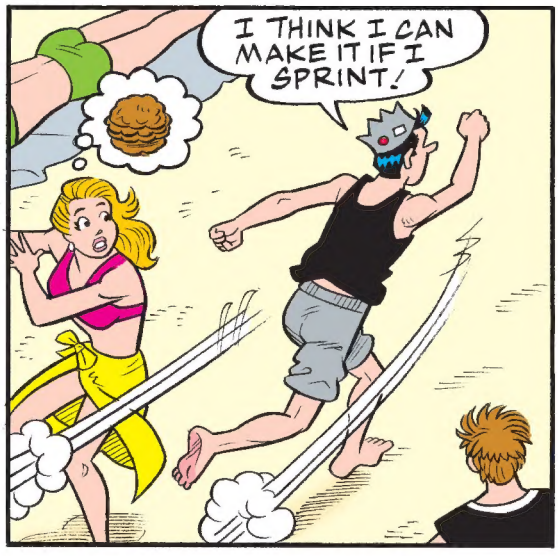
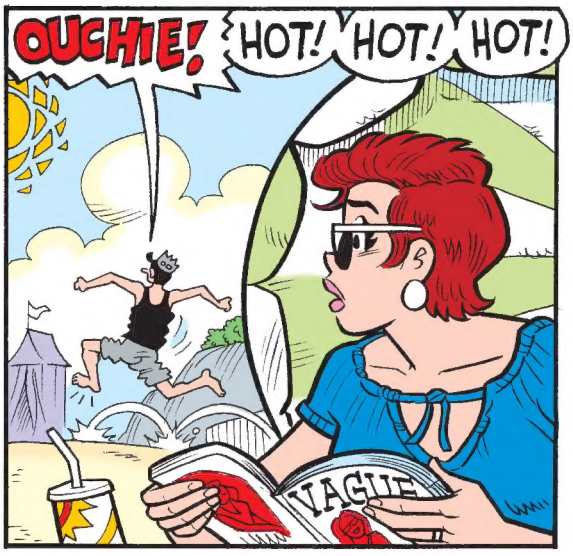
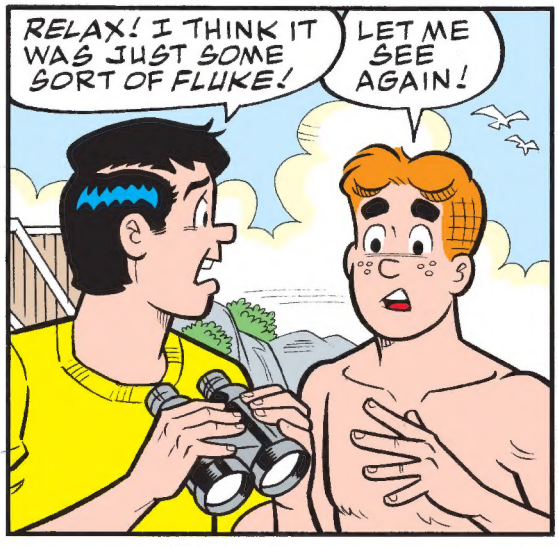
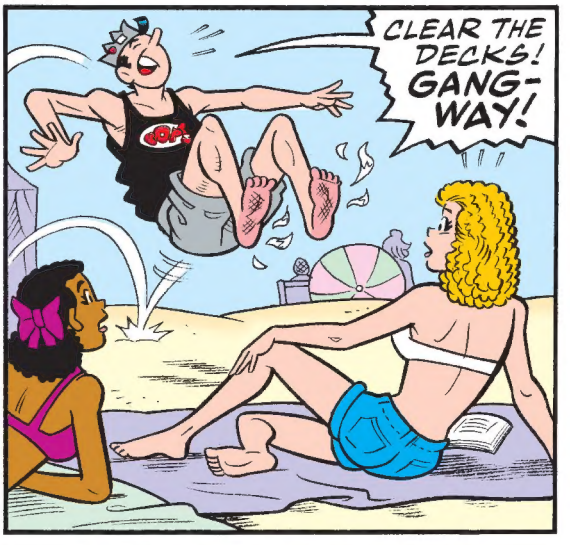
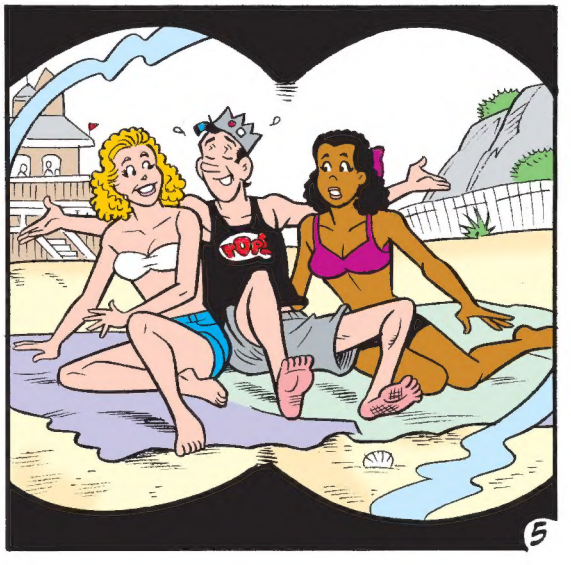

I THINK I CAN MAKE IT IF I SPRINT!

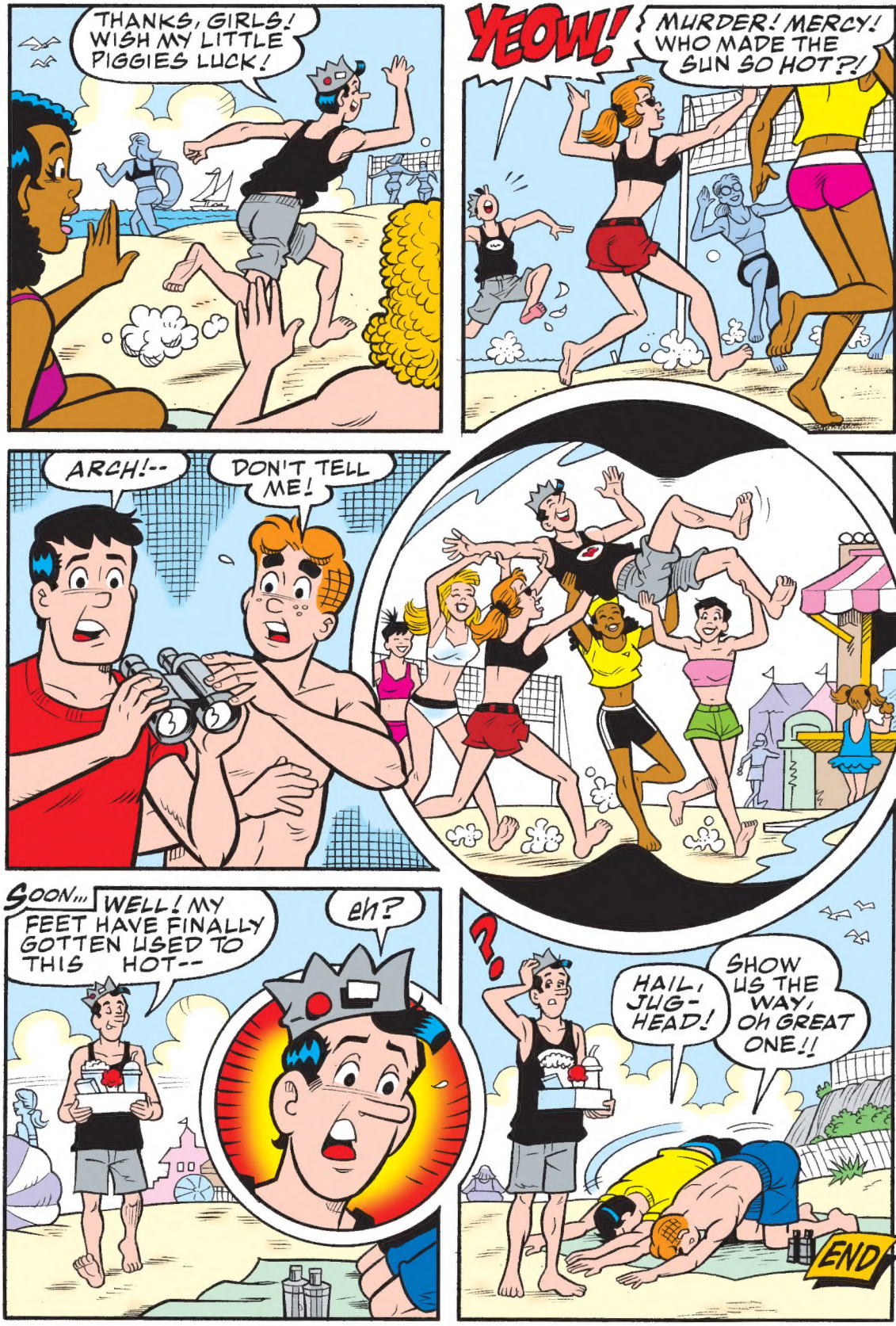

OUCHIE!
HOT! HOT! HOT!
VAGUE


RELAX! I THINK IT WAS JUST SOME SORT OF FLUKE!
LET ME SEE AGAIN!


CLEAR THE DECKS! GANG-WAY!

REGGIE!! ANOTHER FLUKE!!
eh?





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